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In re Reissue Application of

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U.S. Patent No: 5,465,635

Reissue Serial No: 08/629,547

Reissue Filed: April 9, 1996

For: FLYWHEEL ASSEMBLY FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE (as revised)



Group Art Unit: 3622

Examiner: V. Luong

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated February 24, 2000 and further to the CPA request filed concurrently herewith, it is respectfully requested that the above-referenced reissue application be further amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Column 4, lines 1-21, please delete the paragraph at lines 1-21 and replace with the following paragraph:

H2 *sub 1* *→* A flywheel body 5 of an annular shape is fixed to the elastic plate 2 at their respective outer peripheral edge portions 5a and 2b through a plurality of bolts 6 and corresponding reinforcing members 7 disposed between the elastic plate 2 and heads of the bolts 6. The annular flywheel body 5 has a stepped inner peripheral edge surface defining a counting opening 5b for receiving the reinforcing member 4 therein. The stepped inner peripheral edge surface has a first section 5c extending axially, a second section 5d extending radially outward from the first section 5c and a third section 5e extending axially from the second section 5d. The axial section 4a of the reinforcing member 4 is in a slidable contact with the first section 5c of the flywheel body 5, and the radial section 4b of the reinforcing member 4 is spaced from the second section 5d of the flywheel body 5 by a predetermined distance for allowing an axial movement of the flywheel along with the

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**CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)
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Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing.
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This is a request for a ☐ continuation or ☒ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08/629,547
filed on April 9, 1996, entitled **FLYWHEEL ASSEMBLY FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE (as revised)**

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b) and filed on or after June 8, 1995, or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371 and filed on or after June 8, 1995.

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under CFR 37 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or applications in the file jacket.

35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR 1.78(a).

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1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
 - a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

 - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
 - a. ☐ PTO-1449
 - b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
12	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(j))	32 - 20 =	12	X \$18.00 =	\$216
2	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(j))	2 - 2 =	0	X \$80.00 =	\$
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+ \$260.00 =	\$
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	\$710.00
				Total of above Calculations =	\$926.00
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				\$
	TOTAL =				\$926.00

6. Small entity status:
 - a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.
 - b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
 - c. ☐ Is no longer claimed.
7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741 (reference docket no. _____):
 - a. Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
 - b. Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
 - c. Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.
8. ☒ A check in the amount of \$926.00 is enclosed.
9. ☐ Other: Petition for Extension of Time

NOTE:

The prior application's correspondence address will carry over
to this CPA
UNLESS a new correspondence address is provided below.

10. NEW CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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